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Date: Saturday, January 10, 1970

Time: 5:30 p.m.

FOR ACTION: Dr. Kissinger

cc (for information):

DO NOT SEND TO STAFF

FROM THE STAFF SECRETARY

DUE: Date: Wednesday, January 21, 1970

Time: 2:00 p.m.

SUBJECT:

President's request that you initiate a study on the advisability of cutting [redacted] staffs in our embassies abroad.

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ACTION REQUESTED:

☒ For Necessary Action

☐ For Your Recommendations

☐ Prepare Agenda and Brief

☐ Draft Reply

☐ For Your Comments

☐ Draft Remarks

REMARKS:

Please submit a report to the Office of the Staff Secretary on what action is taken to comply with the attached request.

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INSTRUCTIONS APPLY

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PLEASE ATTACH THIS COPY TO MATERIAL SUBMITTED.

If you have any questions or if you anticipate a delay in submitting the required material, please telephone the Staff Secretary immediately.

**JKB**  
K. R. COLE, JR.  
For the President

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

January 9, 1970

MEMORANDUM FOR: DR. KISSINGER

FROM: THE PRESIDENT

In talking to Annenberg, he said that Hughes had turned out much better than he had anticipated, and that he considered him far better than Kaiser, who he said was really overrated. Of course, as you know, Kaiser has a labor background and has now gone with Encyclopedia Britannica.

He strongly urged that there be a cut in the military aides in our embassies abroad [redacted] I completely agree with him on this score, and I want a study made along the lines of bringing down the numbers. [redacted]

[redacted] people get from our embassies abroad is pretty thin.

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For future planning, at some time you should talk to Ambassador Freeman with regard to the visit of Prince Charles which he is going to make to Canada this summer. When he makes that visit, he probably can and should come to the United States. What I would suggest here, and I want you to discuss this with Ehrlichman so as to get an off beat effective PR benefit from it (both for him and for us), is that he not go on the grand tour at dinners and so forth, but that he visit some of our parks and places like Disneyland, etc. My thought was that David and Julie and Tricia might escort him from time to time. This is a long lead-time item, but I discussed it briefly with Annenberg, and you might be discussing it with Freeman because I think this could do an enormous amount of good for U.S. -British relations. Annenberg tells me that he is the real gem of the family and makes an enormously favorable impression wherever he goes.

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